

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES
COUNCIL MINUTES
March 20, 2007**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Town Hall. President John Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with Councilperson Ben Bolton, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Sherry King, and Attorney Stacey Whitten in attendance. John Wilhelm opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Ben Bolton moved that the minutes for February 20, 2007 be approved with corrections. John Wilhelm seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as corrected. The corrections were under New Business – second paragraph delete “for property”, as the insurance is for more than just property.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF February 28, 2007:

Porter Bank - Checking	\$ 258422.31
Horizon Bank 90 Day CD	\$ 56620.24
Chase Bank - Savings	\$ 133479.45
Record Balance	\$ 448522.00

Ben Bolton moved that the financial report be accepted as presented and filed for audit. John Wilhelm seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Ben Bolton moved that the vouchers for March in the amount of \$31,794.32 be paid. John Wilhelm seconded and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- Porter County Council – Special meeting notice
- Towns and Small Cities of Northwest Indiana – meeting notice
- Howard Silverman – Requesting an Ordinance to delete Article VI, Section 46-135 (1) from the Town’s Municipal Code. It was referred to the Plan Commission
- Chesterton Postmaster – Periodic winter road problems for carriers
- Charles & Mary Chuman – 3/14/2007 – e-mail stating that they were assembling citizen’s ad hoc committee to study the Dune Acres road situation.
- Betty Seaton – e-mail on winter road conditions
- Verizon – Soon be boring Cypress Lane near West Road to provide permanent service to 3 Cypress Lane.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

CLUB HOUSE: Rick Demkovich

Rick reported there are 8 confirmed rentals for the year. April and September are wide open if anyone would like rent the clubhouse. Everything is working well. Harold King is to do some repairs. A homeland security inspection was done by Robert H. Harris at the request of a Dune Acres’ citizen. Porter Fire Chief Craig Lewis, Rick Demkovich, and Mrs. Sullivan were also present. No significant findings were reported. A written report will be sent to the Town.

John Wilhelm thanked Rick for the good clean-up he did to the clubhouse for the winter party as the regular cleaning service could not do it.

ENVIRONMENT: Ben Bolton for Cheryl Evans

Ben reported a \$5,358.99 balance in the Oriental Bittersweet Grant account and Greg has been working at the East Beach location. Town clean-up set for Saturday, May 5th.

WATER: Ben Bolton

Spoke with people from IAWC and 4 – 6 projects have been approved for Dun Acres. They will be replacing 2” galvanized mains with 6” PC mains. A confirmation should be forthcoming next week.

HISTORICAL: Mary Ann Tittle

The Clubhouse has been entered in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures and also listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

CLUBHOUSE RENOVATION: Rick Demkovich

Commission met and Rick was appointed as commissioner. He is looking over recommendations and drawings.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ben Bolton moved to accept Ordinance 2007-1 “An Ordinance Amending the Town Code of Dune Acres Indiana, Section 34 – Article II Regarding “Parking and Vehicle Operation”.” John Wilhelm second and the motion passed unanimously. John Wilhelm read the first reading. The second reading will be at next month’s Town Council meeting. Copies of the proposed ordinance are at the Clerk’s office for review and comment.

Deputy-Clerk Treasurer reported that town volunteer workers are covered on the insurance policy. According to Michael Anton, Jr. of Anton Insurance suggested a list be kept of each volunteer worker. A list of volunteers will be assembled.

SIGNS: Jeff Swoger

Jeff gave a re-cap from last month’s meeting. He then presented information that has been obtained. Wayne Doty of Landmark Sign Group, Inc. was present to offer drawings and a project quote. The information that Jeff presented is in Clerk-Treasurer’s office if anyone would like to look them over. Office hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The office is located at 758 Indian Boundary Road, Chesterton, Indiana.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Griffin objected to the wording of the Town Council minutes of February 20th in which Building Commissioner John Sullivan gave a report of the Plan Commission on the work at their property. They said new terracing is inaccurate. John Wilhelm directed them back to the Plan Commission for further comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

JOHN WILHELM, Town Council President

LOU ROBERTS, Town Council Member

BENJAMIN BOLTON, Town Council Member

Sherry King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer